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Sir:

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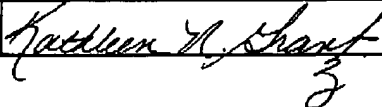
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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated September 8, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

No Amendments are made to the Claims, but, for the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the claims as pending begins on page 2 of this paper.

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